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NJROTC Students Receive Joseph C. Gilliam Academic Achievement Award

Pensacola, Fla.---Seven Navy Junior ROTC (NJROTC) students from across the United States were awarded the Navy Junior ROTC Joseph C. Gilliam Academic Achievement Award. The award is presented annually by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET), to who are considered the top NJROTC students among all the nation's units. This year's award winners are: Rachele Sherblom, Quabbin High School, Barre, N.Y.; Jesse Diaz, Salem High School, Virginia Beach, Va.; Kevin Buszta, Lassiter High School, Marietta, Ga.; John Roth, Oviedo High School, Oviedo, Fla.; Jose Ramirez, Southwest High School, San Antonio, Tex.; Amanda McCoy, Mesa Ridge High School, Colorado Springs, Co.; Nathaniel Carsten, Monterey High School, Monterey, Calif.

The late Joseph C. Gilliam devoted his life to pursuing and fostering academic achievement. After retiring from the Navy in 1960, he earned his Master's Degree from Harvard University, and pursued a career as a high school educator. He later joined the U.S. Civil Service as an Education specialist for the Navy, where he headed the Navy Junior ROTC academic program for the Chief of Naval Education and Training. In keeping with the high standards of excellence set by Gilliam, the Joseph C. Gilliam Academic Achievement Award was established to acknowledge those who best personify his virtues.

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The annual Joseph C. Gilliam Academic Achievement Award is given to recognize one Navy Junior ROTC cadet in each of the seven geographical areas throughout the nation for outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible for the award, each student must be a graduating senior who will have completed at least 2 years of NJROTC by the end of the current school year. The student must also be a member of the National Honor Society, be in a college preparatory curriculum track, and have earned the Academic Award Ribbon from their unit.

The winner from each of the seven geographical areas is determined by that student's position in their NJROTC unit, overall high school GPA on a 4.0 scale, naval science GPA, high school class standing, and other noteworthy accomplishments. Each student must also submit a 750-word essay on a topic chosen each year. The essay topic for this year was: Self-Discipline: The First Step Toward Becoming a Leader.

Each of the winners will receive a citation signed by the Chief of Naval Education and Training, alongside a biographical statement of Gilliam. They will also receive a cash award of \$1000.

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